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5. [] Met with Senator James Pearson (R., Kans.) in response to his request some weeks ago at the Foreign Relations Committee hearing for some clarification on the organization and responsibilities of CIA. I left with Pearson some classified charts of the organization of the community and the Agency, and appropriate quotes from legislation establishing the Agency.

Pearson said he was deeply concerned over the confrontation that was building up between the Committee and the State Department, referring to the Committee's demand for Arch Blood's dispatches from Dacca as the latest example. Pearson personally feels that the Committee has gone too far in its demands and we are on the verge of a campaign of "McCarthyism in reverse" in which CIA may be caught in the middle.

I briefly explained to Pearson our problem with Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and he said he would be glad to hear more when he has time.

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6. [] Met with Don Henderson, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said he was planning a trip to Poland shortly and would like an Agency briefing toward the end of this week.

Henderson commented on the confrontation between the Committee and the State Department, remarking that this morning the Chairman had remarked to Acting Secretary of State Irwin that if the Department were no more forthcoming the Chairman might insist on an annual authorization to fund the Department in the future. According to Henderson, Irwin was visibly shaken by this suggestion.

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1. [REDACTED] During a weekend in Charlottesville, I discussed with Senator Hugh Scott, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, our problem regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Senator Scott said that Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations David Abshire had mentioned this to him and he anticipated no problem in the Foreign Relations Committee with the legislation we had in mind.

I also mentioned to Senator Scott, who is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, that I would like to see him sometime at his convenience to explain to him our concern about the Ervin bill to protect the privacy of Federal employees. He said he was travelling to the Far East shortly and might not have an opportunity to discuss this until his return late in May.

2. (Confidential - JMM) At a social gathering over the weekend, I mentioned to Senator John Tunney, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, our concern over the Ervin bill which he said he would be glad to discuss in detail at a later date.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and brought him up-to-date on my conversations last Thursday and Friday with Senator George McGovern and Miss Flora Lewis, the columnist, regarding Senator McGovern's inquiry about possible Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic. See Journals of 29 and 30 April 1971. 25X1



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